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SUBJECT: UN - 28TH SESSION SUBCOMMISSION ON DISCRIMINATION AND
MINORITIES, GENEVA, AUGUST 25-SEPTEMBER 12, 1975

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1. THE 28TH SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMISSION GOT UNDER-
WAY MONDAY, 25 AUGUST IN GENEVA WITH THE LARGEST
ATTENDANCE OF FULL MEMBERS IN SEVERAL YEARS (25 OF 26).
MME. NICOLE/QUESTIAUX (FRANCE) WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN.
NAMED AS VICE CHAIRMAN WERE B. M. JANKOVIC (YUGO-
SLAVIA), A. BOUHDIBA (TUNISIA) AND MRS. RENU
JOTIDILOK (THAILAND), JOSE J. C. PEROMA (COLUMBIA)
WAS ELECTED RAPPORTEUR.

2. A 21-POINT AGENDA WAS ADOPTED, MANY ITEMS OF
WHICH ARE STUDIES SUBMITTED BY SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS
APPOINTED BY THE SUB-COMMISSION WITH CONCURRENCE OF
THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CHR). CONSIDERABLE
PUBLIC INTEREST HAS BEEN MANIFESTED IN AGENDA ITEM
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AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE." SUB-

COMMISSION MEMEBERS HAVE BEEN INUNDATED BY TELEGRAMS, LETTERS AND PERSONAL APPEALS ON BEHALF OF ARMENIAN COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD INSISTING THAT THE TURKISH ACTIONS OF 1915 AGAINST THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN THAT COUNTRY, BE SPECIFICALLY CITED IN THE STUDY. THE TURKISH MISSION HERE HAS BEEN EQUALLY ACTIVE IN LOBBYING AGAINST SUCH INCLUSION.

3. GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE ALSO BEEN VIGOROUS IN SEEKING ATTEMPT INCLUDE THE GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEE PROBLEM IN THIS SESSION, BUT AGAIN THE TURKISH MISSION IS WORKING AGAINST THIS MOVE STATING THAT ANY ACTION ALONG THIS LINE WILL ONLY PRESENT ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS AS THE SIDES SEEK RECONCILIATION AND RESOLUTION OF THE BASIC ISSUES.

4. SUB-COMMISSION MEMBERS ELECTED AS INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS, HAVE EXPRESSED SOME RESENTMENT AT THESE POLITICAL LOBBYING EFFORTS FROM EVERY SIDE.

5. BECAUSE OF THE CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF MANY OF THIS YEAR'S AGENDA ITEMS AND IN VIEW OF THE SUB-STANTIVE WORK THE SUB-COMMISSION WISHES TO UNDERTAKE, AMBASSADOR CARTER WILL REMAIN THROUGHOUT THE SESSION WHICH WILL BE CONCLUDED ON 12 SEPT. (FYI: ALTER-NATE JOHN CAREY HAS BEEN SO NOTIFIED.)

6. THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS DEBATED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS DURING ITS FIRST WEEK:

(A) THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF POLITICAL, MILITARY ECONOMIC AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO COLONIAL AND RASCIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (A.M. KHALIFA, EGYPT, SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR);

(B) STUDY OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS BELONGING TO ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS AND LINGUISTIC MINORITIES (F. CAPOTORTI, ITALY, SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR);

(C) REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH WHICH THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN CONCERNED, AND,
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(D) QUESTION OF SLAVERY.....; REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED AT LAST YEAR'S SESSION.

7. FULL-TIME OBSERVERS FROM MEMBER STATES INCLUDE AUSTRALIA, CHILE, COLUMBIA, CYPRUS, FEDERAL REP. OF GERMANY, GREECE, ISRAEL, POLAND AND TURKEY.
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